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I

The Libyan Ambassador to the Foreign Operations Administration

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF LIBYA

June 30, 1955

Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen :

In accordance with our recent communications I now, on behalf of my Government, confirm the request of my Government for assistance, in the form of a grant, for grain for famine relief in Libya during the year commencing July 1, 1955, on the basis of the information which has been previously furnished by my Government with regard thereto, and further confirm the provisions, stated below, which, in accordance with our understandings, are to be applicable to the furnishing of such assistance, if granted.

The assistance requested is for 6,800 metric tons of wheat and for the ocean freight costs involved in delivering to port of initial destination in Libya.

The wheat requested is for free distribution in the famine-stricken areas of the Province of Tripolitania in order to alleviate famine conditions in those areas of the Province and the furnishing of the requested assistance is to be subject to the terms and conditions of United States legislation and your regulations and procedures.

It is understood that my Government is to accept title to the shipments upon delivery on board vessel and is to be responsible for all costs accruing thereafter (other than payment of freight to the port of initial destination in Libya).

¹ Came into force on 18 July 1955 by the exchange of the said notes.

It is further understood that in order to ensure maximum benefits from such assistance my Government is to prepare and carry out, in consultation with your representatives, a plan for free distribution of the wheat and products thereof among the people of the famine-stricken areas of the Province of Tripolitania, distribution to be made on the basis of approximately 10 kilograms per person per month to persons who, by virtue of circumstances beyond their control, are unable to pay for this food; is to pursue all appropriate measures to reduce its relief needs, increase production and supply, and improve the distribution of foodstuffs within Libya in order to lessen the danger of similar emergencies in the future.

It is further understood that upon request of either of the parties, the representatives of each of them will consult regarding any matter relating to the furnishing and distribution of the wheat, or to products thereof, that you will be furnished with all necessary information, including a monthly statement of the progress of the assistance received and other relevant information which you may need to determine the nature and scope of operations and to evaluate the effectiveness of assistance furnished or contemplated; that my Government will give full and continuous publicity in Libya to the objectives and progress of the relief measures above referred to, including information to the people of Libya that the relief program is evidence of the friendship of the people of the United States for them, and will make public from time to time, full statements of the relief operations, including information as to the use of assistance received; that my Government will permit representatives of the Government of the United States to observe, without restriction, the distribution in Libya of the wheat and wheat products, and will provide facilities necessary for observation and review of the administration of the relief program and use of the assistance furnished, and will receive such additional persons as may be necessary for this purpose. Such personnel are to be accorded the status specified in Article 5 of the General Agreement between the United States and Libya of January 21, 1952,¹ concerning Technical Assistance.

In accordance with our understandings, all or any part of the assistance which may be provided pursuant to this request may be terminated by the United States if it is determined that, because of changed conditions in any respect, continuation of assistance is unnecessary or undesirable.

Sincerely yours,

S. M. MUNTASSER
Ambassador
United Kingdom of Libya

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 183, p. 177.

II

The Acting Secretary of State to the Libyan Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 18, 1955

Sir :

I refer to the request of your Government for assistance, in the form of a grant, for grain for famine relief in Libya during the year 1955.

I take pleasure in informing Your Excellency that, in consequence of the request of your Government for assistance, and on the basis of the information contained in His Excellency Ambassador Saddiq Muntasser's letter of June 30, 1955 to the Foreign Operations Administration, my Government, on June 30, 1955,—subject to the understandings recorded in Ambassador Muntasser's letter and to the conditions set forth in the Transfer Authorization and Transportation Request issued by the Foreign Operations Administration on June 30, 1955,¹—authorized the grant to your Government of 6,800 metric tons of wheat.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Acting Secretary of State :

Geo. V. ALLEN

Sayyid Fathi Abidia
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Libya

¹ Not printed by the Department of State of the United States of America.